

THE

REHEARSAL.

1. The Good of one sort of Government ought not to be Compar'd with the Evil of another. But the Good of Each and the Evil of Each look'd into.
2. Ther must be a last Resort in every well Constituted Government.
3. Ther is no Judge among Co-Ordinate Powers.
4. The Difference betwixt Constitution and Administration.
5. It is Treason to Assert Co-Ordinate Powers in our Constitution.
6. Monarchy keeps its Ground even as to Administration.
7. Instances of Defects in Constitution in Geneva, Neufchattel, Switzerland and Holland.
8. And now at Hamburgh.
9. This began upon some small Disputes in Religion.
10. Apply'd to our Case at Present.

SATURDAY, May 29. 1708.

(1.) Rehearsal. I Have not been far from Mr. Hoadly all this time, tho' I nam'd him not. I have one word more to him and others who wou'd Judge rightly of this Important Subject of Government. Which is, that in the Comparison betwixt Monarchy and Commonwealth they wou'd lay the Good of the one against the Good of the other; and so the Evil or Inconveniences they apprehend in the one, with the Evils in the other.

Country-m. This is most Just, if we wou'd make a Right Comparison. But this has not been Observ'd in any of our Popular Declamations against Tyranny, by which means we Country-men have been mightily Impos'd upon. For out come Pamphlets and Sermons which Paint in Tragical Colours the Terrible Effects of Monarchy, in having all Depend upon the Will of one Man, who may Roast and Broil Us, Ravish our Wives and Daughters, and take the Beef out of the Pot!

But then they do not lay over against this the ten times greater Evils that are the Consequences of Lawless Confusion, where ther are Ten thousand Tyrants instead of one, and our Beef and our Bacon, our Wives and our Daughters, nay and our Throats too lie all at the Mercy of Mobb our Neighbours, of Porters and Car-men and all the Rascality.

Our Popular Orators say nothing of this, but over against the Evils that may befall in Monarchy they lay before Us the Advantages only they suppose in the Commonwealth

Frame, as of Living every man under his own Vine, of having every thing Magag'd, and Laws made by our own Consent, &c.

(2.) Rehearsal. I have shew'd before, That as Great Security (and Greater) is to be had Under Monarchy for our Lives and Liberties, as under any other Form of Government. For that all Government must be Absolute, Arbitrary, and Despotick, in some Hands or other, that is, wherever the last Resort is Plac'd.

Country-m. But may ther not be a Government without this last Resort? Because as you say it must be Arbitrary.

Rehearsal. The End of Government is to put an End to Debates. And without a last Resort ther can be no End, and Consequentially no Government.

(3.) Country-m. How will Mr. Hoadly's Nation of Co-Ordinate Powers in the same Government consist with this?

Rehearsal. It is utterly Inconsistent. For ther is no Judge betwixt Co-Ordinate Powers, and therefore the last Resort must be the Sword. As appear'd in the Rebellion of Forty One. For who was Judge betwixt King and Parliament? or betwixt the two Houses of Lords and Commons? And thus it was in the Roman State. Who was Judge betwixt the Tribunes of the People and the Patricians? Or betwixt Either or Both of them and the Senate? Therefore the End was Confusion and Civil War.

(4.) Country-m. Ther may be *Confusion* and *Civil War* too, in *Monarchies*.

Rehears. Not by the *Constitution*. For there the *Last Resort* is Fix'd. And who will not Submit to it are *Rebels*. But in a *Government* by *Co-Ordinate Powers*, ther may be *Confusion* even by the *Constitution*. And the *Constitution* it self is *Confusion*, because ther is no *Last Resort*.

Country-m. Then we must make a Difference betwixt the *Constitution*, and the *Administration* in any *Government*.

Rehears. Yes, *Country-man*, the Difference is very Great, Ther will be *Male Administration* in every *Government*, while it is in the Hands of Men. And in every Sort or Species of *Government*. For None are free from it. But an *Error* in the *Constitution* is *Fatal*, because it admits of no *Remedy* nor can be *Amended*, without Altering the *Constitution*. And such is the Notion of *Co-Ordinate Powers*, to which Mr. *Hoadly* wou'd Reduce our *Constitution*. But I have vindicated it from his Objections, and shew'd him our *Laws* which Recognize the *Sovereignty* in the *Crown*, free from all *Coercion*, either by *Parliament* or *People*.

(5.) Country-m. This then is our *Constitution*. And who wou'd set up any Power *Co-Ordinate* with the *Crown*, wou'd overthrow our *Constitution*. And is not this *Treason*?

Rehears. It has all the *Treason* in it that is Possible. And flies openly in the Face of all our *Laws*. And it is likewise contrary to *Common Sense* and *Reason*, for it wou'd set up a *Government* where ther is no *Last Resort*.

(6.) Country-m. You have Certainly the Better of Mr. *Hoadly* (if I can Judge) as to the Point of *Constitution*. But now as to the *Administration*, will not he make Reprizals upon you, and shew how *Monarchs* are *Ambitious* and wou'd Enslave their Neighbours, and make *Conquests* for their *Glory*!

Rehears. Did any ever do like the *Common-wealth of Rome*? And did not the *Grecian Common-wealths* do it, as far as in their Power? And have not all *Common-wealths* done the same? Do not they make *Wars* as well as *Princes*? So that even upon the Point of *Administration* Mr. *Hoadly* will find no Great Advantage in this Case.

(7.) Country-m. Our News told us lately of a Dispute at *Geneva* betwixt the *Magistrats* and *Burghers* about their *Rights* and *Privileges*, and another at *Neufchattel*, where one *Town* wou'd not Agree with the Rest, and their *Last Resort* was *Armed Troops* to Force them to Comply. And the *Cantons* in *Switzerland* were like to go by the Ears

upon the like Occasion. And some *Town* in *Holland* were lately *Convinc'd* by the like Argument.

(8.) Rehears. Ther is another Instance just now before us at *Hambourgh*, whither Troops of *Swedes*, *Saxons*, *Prussians*, and *Hanoverians* are Marching to shew them the *Last Resort* in a Dispute betwixt the *Authority* of their *Magistrates*, and the *Privileges* of the *Burghers* and *People*.

(9.) Country-m. And this Dispute began by a Difference of two of their *Ministers*, upon some Points of *Religion*, and the *Magistrates* and *Burghers* took part some with the one and some with the other, till at last the *Controversy* turn'd to their *Civil Rights*, of which they having no *Judge* by their *Constitution*, their *Neighbours* are forc'd to bring the *Argument of Artillery* to Quiet them.

(10.) Rehears. The like Difference in *Religion* turn'd *Britain* once before Now into an *Aecclama*. Yet we see no Harm in it! Tho' it is Already come to touch our *Civil Rights*, and we see *Low-Church* Join'd in *Confederacy* with *Whiggs* and *Dissenters* (*Gal*-*and Ammon*, and *Amaleck*) to Mis-represent our *Constitution*, and set up the same Pretence of *Co-Ordinate Powers* which Began the *Rebellion of Forty One*, wherein they Cry'd, as some do now of *High Church*, to make it *Law*,

Down with it, Down with it, even to the Ground.

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